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The September 14, 2005 Cultural Resources Work Group (CRWG) meeting associated with relicensing the Department of Water Resources' Oroville Facilities (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100) has been cancelled. The next work group meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 19, 2005.

An update of activities conducted during July 2005 is enclosed. Due to the relative lack of activity, no further updates on the cultural resources studies will be provided prior to the October CRWG meeting.

We are posting this information on our Oroville Facilities Relicensing web site, <http://orovillereLICensing.water.ca.gov>. Please visit our web site for additional information on the Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program.

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**Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100  
Cultural Resources Work Group  
July 2005 Update**

The last Cultural Resources Work Group (CRWG) meeting was held on June 21, 2005. It was decided, at that time, that the next meeting would be held on September 14, 2005. The purpose of the meeting would be to provide stakeholders with an update on the cultural resources activities required to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Oroville Facilities (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100) license application. Please note the September 2005 meeting has been **cancelled** and tentatively rescheduled for October 19, 2005. This update identifies activities conducted during July 2005.

**Study Plan C-1 Update**

Copies of the final confidential Archaeological and Historical Resources Inventory Report were delivered to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) at the beginning of July. This document will be submitted to FERC and distributed to eligible agencies and the Tribes during August. Study Plan C-1 is now complete.

**Study Plan C-2 Update**

Sonoma State University (SSU) is continuing to write up the results of the historic archaeological site evaluations. Similarly, California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) is proceeding to analyze and report on the results of their efforts at the McCabe Creek prehistoric site loci as well as analyze the non-NAGPRA materials from CA-BUT-84. CSUS does not anticipate conducting additional site evaluations until the fall due to exceedingly high reservoir levels this year.

Ethnographic studies have continued the analysis of locations important to the Maidu culture for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places as Traditional Cultural Properties. Ethnobotanical studies are also ongoing.

**Study Plan C-3 Update**

Revisions to the Preliminary Draft Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) began in July after receipt of comments from stakeholders. An updated draft will be submitted to DWR upper management for review in August and will be redistributed to interested stakeholders thereafter.

**Maidu Advisory Council Update**

The Maidu Advisory Council (MAC) last met the day of the June 2005 CRWG meeting. The MAC is next scheduled to meet in September.

**Next Meeting**

The next CRWG meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2005. The time and place will be determined at a later date. Due to the relative lack of activity, no further updates on the cultural resources studies will be provided in the interim.